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Our Aims; Accuracy; Promptness, and All the County News of the Week.

Missouri Pacific Mail Service.

Several days ago the Secretary of the Commercial Club, realizing that the Missouri Pacific Mail Service was about the worst ever known, and feeling that in justice to the citizens some action should be taken, wrote a strong protest to William Cotter, General Manager of the road, against existing conditions. He has received the following reply, and it is hoped that the orders given will be carried out, and that our mail will come more regular and on time:

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 23, 1904.
Mr. F. Vernon Russell,
Secretary Commercial Club,
Great Bend, Kansas.

Dear Sir:
I wish to acknowledge receipt of yours of January 20th regarding the service on Great Bend Branch and say that I have today issued instructions to officers in charge of that district to discontinue using the Branch as a side track whenever such use might cause delay to the Branch train, and will insist upon these instructions being carried out. The unprecedented wheat crop in that section of the country was more than the railroads or anyone else were prepared to handle and caused a serious congestion, which is about over now, as the bulk of the wheat is practically moved, and I hope you will have no further cause to complain.

Yours truly,
WM. COTTER, Mgr.

Big W. O. W. Meeting.

On Friday evening, Feb. 5th, the local W. O. W. camp will receive a visit from Sov. Com. J. O. Root, of Omaha, and State Deputy J. W. Kaiser, of Fort Scott. An open meeting will be held, plan to be announced later, to which the general public is cordially invited. Sov. Root is known as the founder of Woodcraft, being not only the father of the W. O. W. but of the M. W. A. also. He is a pleasant speaker, one of the best posted men on fraternal insurance in the country, and will not fail to interest his audience. A short program will be rendered and every member should be present, with at least one eligible person for the order.

Charles Norton Dead.

Mrs. Ed Marx has received the sad intelligence of the death of her father, which took place at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jesse Chapel, at Pueblo, Wednesday, the 27th. The remains were brought to Great Bend, and the funeral was conducted from the home of Mrs. Marx, this afternoon (Friday) at 2:30. In our next issue we will give you an obituary of the deceased.

A Surprise.

About thirty members of the A. O. U. W. and the D. of H. assembled Tuesday evening and proceeded to the home of H. J. Smith, treating him and his wife to a genuine surprise. Everyone had a good time including the surprised.

Remember the Cossman sale south east of Pawnee Rock on Feb. 10th.

Earl Wilson is up from Oklahoma City for several days visit with home folks.

Mrs. Henry Born is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. S. Wollman of LaCrosse.

Ed Marx left for St. Louis Sunday evening in response to a message announcing the serious illness of his father.

W. Rubart, Will Bannister, and Welch and Walker, shipped cattle to the Kansas City market the past week.

Mrs. Galloway and daughter are down from Larned, visiting the families of Fred Newcombe and Ben Giles.

Arch Campbell of Macksville accompanied by his brother Ora, of Comanche township, was in the city Friday last.

H. A. C. Hartman of Claflin staid over from the committee meeting and spent Sunday with Judge Nimock's and family.

Mrs. Dr. McPherson has returned from Kansas City. The Dr. and wife will soon begin keeping house in the Lew Durand property, second ward.

H. V. Kackley, of Heizer, received notice last week of the death of his father, at Winchester, W. Va. The death was not unexpected.

T. D. Stradley and wife of Enid, Okla., formerly residing here, are the parents of a little girl born Jan. 14th. All report as doing well.

An Experience In The Storm.

Although our storm last Monday, which by the way, was the first of the season was mild compared to some which our friend H. A. Wilson has seen in Kansas, he nevertheless had a little experience which he will not forget soon. As is known his sister, Mrs. Capt. Rice, has been very ill. Mr. Wilson telephoned to the Stewart hospital for a trained nurse, and accordingly on Sunday evening Miss Padfield of that institution came out. Mr. Wilson in company with the nurse, took the Monday morning train for Hoisington and thence proceeded by team to the Rice home, about twelve miles northwest, right in the face of the blizzard. As is usual on a drive of this kind not much of a conversation was indulged in. To inquiry as to whether or not she was cold, Miss Padfield answered no until they were a little over half way, when she replied that she was very cold. On coming in sight of the house, although still a mile away, Mr. Wilson pointed out the house to which she replied that she could not see it. Mr. Wilson thought perhaps her hood had been pulled down over her eyes, and thought no more of it. Arriving at the house she made no move to alight, when Mr. Wilson investigated and found her unconscious but still alive. They hastily carried her into the house, applied restoratives and rubbed her hands and extremities, and soon resuscitated her, and in less than an hour without one word of complaint expressed herself as ready for her patient. Thus exhibiting the true spirit of her calling.

Willie Stoke Receives.

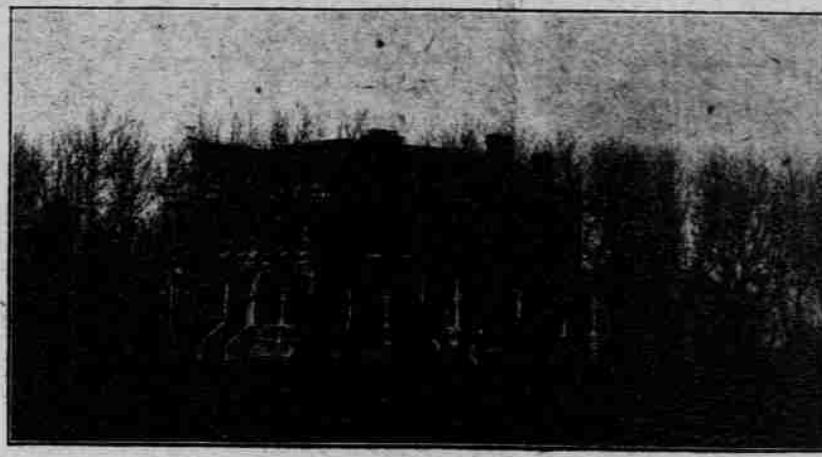
Thursday of last week was Willie Stoke's (4)th birthday, and the little folks making up the double seven aggregation, except Bennie Giles and his better half, turned out to help Willie celebrate. All the boys, even Mortie Fitts and Wallie Dodge donned their knee pants. Louie Breeden even had his mustache shaved off to make him look like a boy, but oh, such a face. It is not often that a mustache will change a persons face like it did Louie's. Charlie Hooper had on an elegant red coat, and looked too cute for anything. The junior editor got lost in a large white collar, peeping out just enough to make his wants known at the table. All the girls dressed in short clothes, curled up their hair, and did other things to add to their otherwise youthful appearance. They made a fine looking lot. Boodie Feder took the first prize for the best girls make up, an elegant rose, and Wallie Dodge received a box of animal crackers for the best boys make up. Willie Stoke received an appropriate present from each one, and the dinner was interspersed with original mother goose rhymes by the guests, as well as other poetry not so original. Katie Tracy was an extra guest for the evening, and was a match for any of them. The costumes to be worn by the party were a surprise to Willie, but Ella, his better half, had the necessary fixings for him and herself, and they donned them immediately after the company arrived. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Obituary.

Death has claimed another bright young man, in the person of C. I. Thomas, of Nickerson, a son-in-law of A. P. Newkirk, of the south side. Mr. Thomas died at Phoenix, Arizona, Jan. 10th, aged 26 years, 9 months and 29 days. Funeral services were conducted at Nickerson by Rev. Moore, on Jan. 14th, the Nickerson I. O. O. F. having charge of the services. Chas. Thomas was married June 14, 1898, at Sedalia, Mo., and has surviving him, his wife, father, mother, three brothers and five sisters. He was of a quiet and amiable disposition, honorably popular, hard working, a dutiful son and loving husband. Mrs. Thomas will make her home temporarily with her parents on the south side. The DEMOCRAT unites in extending sympathy.

Geo. Turner, of the Crescent Grocery, has resigned and gone to Tulsa, I. T., to accept a position with a large mercantile establishment. Everyone is sorry to have George go, for he is not only an efficient and obliging salesman, but also one of the most popular young men in town.

Wm. Rubart, of this city, expects to hold a big public sale at his farm, ten miles south and five miles east of Great Bend, sometime in the latter part of February or first of March. He will sell all his agricultural implements, some horses and cattle, and everything on the place is to go.



The above is an exact photo of St. Rose Hospital, the deed for which was turned over to the Sisters Saturday, and they took possession on Monday of this week. Notwithstanding certain rumors concerning this deed, and possibly many of which had no foundation, the matter has been satisfactorily adjusted, and the transfer to the sisters made upon the identical lines agreed upon by the directors of the Commercial Club, and Bishop

Mrs. Ben Giles has been very sick the past week.

Stanley Prindle was down from Hoisington Tuesday.

Mrs. B. F. Luse, up at Galatia, is reported dangerously ill.

WANTED—Girl to do general house work. MRS. HENRY BORN.

H. E. Turk and Howard Torrance were up from Ellinwood Saturday.

Fire company meeting tonight—the 29th. It should be a "full" meeting.

Register of Deeds Flora Smith returned last week from her visit to Iowa.

Soeke Soeken and Tom Engleman were down from Independent township Wednesday.

See Wells, the Oil Man. He will deliver your oil or gasoline any place in the city.

The Maccabees, of Claflin, are arranging to give a Valentine ball at that place on Feb. 15th.

Weltner & Moore are making some extensive improvements at their Forest avenue business property.

Harry Jackson has severed his connection with the DEMOCRAT and expects to go to California soon.

Although the coal strike is still on, we can supply you with good coal, on demand. S. A. NEWCOMBE.

Valentine's day this year comes on Sunday. But little old Dan Cupid will get his work in, that day, just the same.

County Clerk Lutschg was at Hoisington Tuesday testing the scales of the Farmers Elevator Company.

Bertha Coopridier returned on Friday evening of last week, from a three weeks visit in Topeka and Kansas City.

Several children about town are down with pneumonia. Among them Dr. Linds' little boy and S. S. White's little boy.

Patrons on the R. F. D. routes, to be started next Monday, should notify us of the routes they are on, to facilitate getting their papers.

August Garling will be out in the country for some time now laying out orchards, etc., and taking orders for nursery stock, at wholesale or retail.

Mrs. Grant Dickinson and son left Monday morning for Illinois, where they will visit for several months. Grant went with them as far as Kansas City.

Lost—Between the First National Bank and E. R. Moses residence, new black pocket-book, containing some change, a black bordered handkerchief and several keys. Finder please leave at the DEMOCRAT office.

J. W. Clarke represented the Barton County Fair association at the circuit meeting at Hutchinson Thursday of this week. The secretary having been detained at home by business.

Hon. S. R. Peters of Newton was in the city Wednesday evening making the annual inspection of St. Omer Commandery, Knights Templar. St. Omer is one of the best commanderies in the state.

Hennessy, when he was in the city in November. The sisters will make some changes in the building, and will doubtless build an addition. As soon as it is ready for occupancy, we shall give a full description of the institution. Bishop Hennessy and the Sisters desire us to thank the citizens of this city and community, and to say that the hospital will be conducted along the lines of a modern and up-to-date institution in every respect.

"Walnut Valley" notes got in a day late last week.

Frank Wells, the Oil Man. He will call on you.

Wallace will make you the best photos you have ever had.

Mrs. Jno Norris who has been quite ill the past week, is recovering.

G. H. Speck of Fairview township is reported as being in poor health.

Ira Clark and H. E. Knox were initiated into the W. O. W. Tuesday evening.

Mrs. O. Toadvine, of La Crosse, Kansas, was visiting her son in this county, last week.

Dr. S. B. Riggs and wife have moved to Larned, where the Dr. will open a dental office.

George and Lizzie Thorne, of Verbeck, were given a surprise party by their young friends last week.

The best cigars, candies and confections can be found at Klughardt & Sanderson's, The City Bakery.

FOR SALE—Car of Oil Meal, by the 100 or by the ton. Best feed to be had.

W. F. KLEIN & Co

Geo. W. Mitchell and G. N. Bicknell, Frank Millard—and a few others—are after the Hoisington postmaster-ship.

Miss Mae Markey left for Wichita on Thursday of last week. She will visit St. Louis before returning to Hays City.

H. J. Dirks and father of Clarence township were in Wednesday, and made the DEMOCRAT office an appreciated call.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, of Albion township, buried a pair of twin babies, at Olivet cemetery, on the 10th inst.

"August, is that you planting all those trees?" "Yes sir." "Well, I am ready for you to do some work of that kind for me, at any time now."

Mrs. R. Caro went to Kansas City Wednesday morning, expecting to go on to St. Louis in the event of her father, Mr. Marx, becoming very seriously ill.

Two of our blacksmiths having a little misunderstanding settled it Wednesday morning. All the same Jeffries, minus the ring, referee, or bottle holders.

TAKEN UP at my place two miles north of Heizer, two red calves. Owner can have same on proving property and paying costs.

GEORGE SKOLANT.

Regular services at Presbyterian church on next Sunday. Sunday evening Rev. Jolly will preach on subject "How to Make Friends." A cordial invitation extended to everyone.

Mrs. W. E. Stoke and Mrs. W. P. Feder entertained the DEMOCRAT force at dinner at the Stoke residence Friday evening of last week. The evening was spent very pleasantly with games. For once the devil didn't make any pie, the young lady compositors did not complain about the poorly written copy, the ad man had type enough to properly display his wants, the job press did not give the job men any trouble, a loosening of belts lightening the pressure, and the foreman found everything to justify him in making up his form.

Treasurer's Quarterly Statement.

Quarterly Statement of the County Treasurer, Barton County, Kansas, showing balances on Ledger at the close of business Monday January 25, 1904.

Due to Accounts.	
Tax roll acc't 1903 tax.....	\$18788 60
County General.....	1306 96
Redemption.....	538 14
Expense and Fee acc't.....	65 53
School Land Interest.....	579 07
School Land Principal.....	846 67
District and Justice Court Fines.....	47 99
State and County School Fund.....	526 13
Normal Institute Fund.....	17 59
Ellinwood City General.....	10 61
Pawnee Rock City General.....	23 16
Albion twp General.....	105 86
Albion twp Railroad Bond Interest.....	147 62
Beaver twp General.....	19 89
Buffalo twp General.....	363 41
Cleveland twp General.....	7 77
Eureka twp General.....	226 23
Eureka twp Railroad Bond Interest.....	266 72
Great Bend twp General.....	578 79
Great Bend twp bridge bond interest.....	6377 78
Great Bend twp C & W Bond Interest.....	1313 97
Great Bend twp K & C Bond Interest.....	681 57
Grant twp General.....	12 45
Grant twp Railroad Bond Interest.....	189 93
Homestead twp Railroad Bond Interest.....	1050 96
Independent twp Railroad Bond Int.....	306 38
Lakin twp General.....	9 18
Logan twp General.....	01 01
Liberty twp General.....	372 52
South Bend twp Bridge Bond Interest.....	801 35
Walnut twp General.....	44 27
Walnut twp Railroad Bond Interest.....	237 13
C & W Railroad Condemnation Fund.....	133 60

Little River Branch Condemnation Fund.....	79 15
K & C Railroad Condemnation Fund.....	192 09
Pacific Mail Telegraph Condemnation Fund.....	26 02
Grand Lake Reservoir Condemnation Fund.....	89 45
Hoisington Irrigation Co. Condemnation Fund.....	24 50
Lake K. N. R. & I. Co. Condemnation Fund.....	12494 70

School Districts.	
Jt No. 1 General.....	35 76
Jt No. 2 General.....	118 30
No 10.....	8 13
" 15.....	91 81
" 19.....	239 40
" 20.....	02 00
" 24.....	2 92
" 25.....	2 70
" 27.....	36 60
" 31.....	61 37
" 32.....	84 81
" 33.....	38 38
" 37.....	57 87
" 39.....	24 50
" 40.....	119 19
" 41.....	46 27
" 49.....	146 66
" 50.....	118 15
" 58.....	1 17
" 67.....	19 61
" 75.....	12 80
" 78.....	10 15
" 83.....	39 04
" 18 Interest.....	45 54
" 29.....	276 11
" 34.....	64 19
" 43.....	53 75
" 60.....	69 60
" 56.....	6 30
" 68.....	97 26
" 100.....	164 43
" 100 Library.....	102 41
" 103 Interest.....	45 48
Total.....	\$150,850 29

Due from Accounts.	
Seed Grain Acc't.....	\$787 45
District No. 64.....	5 76
District No. 94.....	10 00
Tax Refunding Account.....	17 84
State Treasurer Account.....	660 12
National City Bank N. Y.....	14971 17
First National Bank Great Bend.....	48062 17
Citizens National Bank Great Bend.....	43474 62
J V Brinkman Bank Great Bend.....	43008 69
Cash and Cash Items.....	212 46
Total.....	\$150,850 29

State of Kansas, ss
Barton County, ss
I, J. W. Soderstrom, Treasurer of Barton County, do solemnly swear that the above statement to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.
J. W. SODERSTROM, Co. Treasurer.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of January 1904.

SEAL
F. M. LUTSCHG, Co. Clerk.

Nordica Sings

At Lindsborg Feb. 4th. Those who intend to hear this famous Singer should call on J. Rasof at Mo. Pac. depot at once for reserved seat tickets. Special through train via Mo. Pac. leaves Great Bend 3:45 p. m. and returns at close of concert. \$2.25 for the round trip. This train is chartered by Bethany College.

J. H. King, practical horseshoer, has opened up his new shop, southeast corner square. If you have any work in his line, or if your horse needs shoeing give him a call. Satisfaction guaranteed.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will hold a Measuring Social at the home of J. A. McDonald, 3rd ward, on the evening of Friday, the 29th, to which all are cordially invited.

F. R. Westafer and wife came in from Cleburne, Texas, Saturday morning, for a visit with Mrs. Westafer's parents, J. Feaster and wife, and other relatives.

Editor O'Brien, of the Claflin Clarion was over to attend the republican county central committee, Saturday, and to do his durndest to put the "machine" in "Hoch."

C. A. Batman, of the south side, was a caller Friday.

County Teacher's Meeting.

Notwithstanding the fact that last Saturday was a cold day the County Teachers' Meeting in Ellinwood was well attended and every person who had a place on the program responded. The feature of the exercises was the round tables on the reading circle work. That on American Literature was led by Helen Minnis who made the subject very interesting, but it was almost painful to note how poorly prepared some were to talk about American authors especially of Chas. Egbert Craddock. Prof. Martin conducted the Round Table on White's Art of Teaching and brought out some very interesting discussions. The music given by the high school was very much appreciated.

It is characteristic feature of the teachers' meetings held in Ellinwood, that they are well attended by the citizens of the town and patrons of the schools. The teachers were all entertained and such hearty good will prevailed as to make this meeting a very enjoyable one. The next meeting will be held in Hoisington on March 5th.

The Oriole Club.

We take pleasure in announcing to our patrons and friends the coming of Dr. Thomas E. Green who will be with us Tuesday evening, February 2nd. There is no public man in America who has more representative calls for his services than he. Important Clubs and Societies from all over the country place him at the head of their programs. His lectures are unique in theme, original in treatment, and irresistible in delivery. The undisputed master of his art, we recommend him unreservedly.

Your seats may be reserved, without charge, at Hooper's Drug Store on and after Saturday, January 30th at 8:30 a. m.

Citizens' National Bank.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a comparative statement of the Citizens' National Bank of this city to which we respectfully call your attention. This bank as all our readers know, is not quite three years old, but has nevertheless risen to a place among the banking institutions of Central Kansas, which is envied by many. The secret of their success is doubtless due to the very conservative business done by the officers, and to the strength and backing the institution has through the personell of the board of directors, and stock holders. It is a safe, conservative institution, and one in which it is a pleasure to do business.

Miss Alice Dunn of the DEMOCRAT force is back at work after a week's illness.

Hugh Boyle of Albion township, made the DEMOCRAT office a pleasant call Monday last.

Judge Nimocks and family entertained at dinner Saturday evening for Grant Dickinson and wife.

Albert Kuhl, of the firm of Haas and Kuhl, Albert, was in the city on business last Monday morning.

You may not believe it, but the mail from the north came in on the Mo. P., Saturday morning, ON TIME.

Last Thursday night Mrs. A. E. Rowell entertained about three dozen friends in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Dickinson of Canon City, Colo.

W. B. King on Wednesday took charge of the Barton House. He will refurbish the hotel and conduct the same as a first class Dollar a day hotel.

R. L. Harvey and wife of Grant township visited the family of T. B. Johnson of Buffalo township Sunday last. They were caught in the storm, which enabled Bob to visit his friends in town.

On the 21st Mr. and Mrs. M. Giddens, of west of town, gave a party in celebration of Grandma Giddens' 90th birthday. A number of intimate friends from town were in attendance.

Earl Seward and Miss Helen McKeown, two well known young people from the territory South of Ellinwood, were married by the Probate Judge at his office Monday last. The DEMOCRAT joins their many friends in wishing prosperity and happiness.

While playing with some companions, last Tuesday, an 8 year old son of Oscar Reigel of the south side, had an eye badly injured. Later in the week he was taken to the hospital and the eye removed. This is a sad and unfortunate accident to the little fellow.